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TITLE: Replacement gate process for transistors having elevated source and drain regions

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Claims Text - CLTX (1):

1. A method of manufacturing an integrated circuit, the integrated circuit including a gate structure on a substrate, the substrate including a shallow source extension and a shallow drain extension, the gate structure including a gate conductor above a high-k gate dielectric layer, the method comprising steps of: providing a mask structure above the high-k gate dielectric layer on the substrate; etching the high-k gate dielectric layer in accordance with the mask structure; providing spacers on sidewalls of the mask structure; removing the mask structure thereby leaving an **aperture** between the spacers; providing an amorphous semiconductor layer above the substrate, the amorphous semiconductor layer filling the **aperture** and having a top surface higher than a top of the spacers; removing the amorphous semiconductor layer to expose the top of the spacers; and forming a single crystalline **semiconductor material** at an elevated source and an elevated drain location from the amorphous semiconductor layer **via** a solid phase epitaxy process.

Claims Text - CLTX (10):

10. A method of manufacturing an ultra-large scale integrated circuit including a transistor, the method comprising: providing a gate structure on a top surface of a substrate, the gate structure including a sacrificial structure and a high-k gate dielectric; providing a pair of spacers for the gate structure; removing the sacrificial structure to form an **aperture** between the spacers; depositing an amorphous **semiconductor material** above the top surface of the substrate, the amorphous **semiconductor material** filling the **aperture** and covering the spacers; removing a portion of the amorphous **semiconductor material** so that the amorphous **semiconductor material in the aperture** is separated from the amorphous material above the top surface of the substrate by the spacers; and **crystallizing** the amorphous **semiconductor material** in an annealing process.

Claims Text - CLTX (12):

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising: polishing the amorphous **semiconductor material** before the a **crystallizing** step.

Claims Text - CLTX (17):

17. A process of forming a transistor with elevated source and drain regions, the process comprising: providing a gate structure having a sacrificial structure and a high-k gate dielectric, the high-k gate dielectric being disposed above a substrate; providing a spacer structure for the gate structure; removing the sacrificial structure; depositing an amorphous **semiconductor material** above the substrate and the spacer structure, the amorphous **semiconductor material** covering the spacer structure, the amorphous **semiconductor material** replacing the sacrificial structure; removing the amorphous **semiconductor material** to expose the spacer structure; and **crystallizing** the amorphous **semiconductor material** to form single crystalline material.